

## New Missionaries

We are always thankful for your prayers and support of our sending ministry. It was so exciting to be part of a missions trip to Tokyo in July, and then we enjoyed seeing some of you in CA this month.

We praise God for the 99 new staff who were trained and commissioned for missionary work with Cru, our largest New Staff Orientation class in 5 years! We also praise God for the many more who followed His call to join us: 550 interns and Part-time Field staff have reported to their assignments this fall!



Caroline and two other students on Miami Summer Mission.

Additionally, we saw the Lord work through many students' lives on Summer Missions. Caroline, a reserved and quiet young woman, arrived at the Miami Summer Mission "terrified of talking to other people about Jesus." Megan, a Cru missionary leading the group, quickly recognized the immense courage it took for Caroline to step out of her comfort zone. During a discipleship meeting, Caroline shared a heartfelt desire: she longed to see someone come to faith, yet feared her timidity would keep her from that.

In response, Megan simply said, "Let's pray!" They asked God to move in power and to lead Caroline to someone whose heart was already prepared. Specifically, Megan prayed that Caroline would have the opportunity to share her personal journey of faith

with someone ready to receive the gospel.

The next day, while using spiritual conversation tools at Florida International University, Caroline and another Cru student met Bella (name changed). As they talked, Bella opened up about her background in a church that emphasized rules and performance—a similar experience that had once defined Caroline's life.

Moved by the connection, Caroline set aside her fear and shared the beauty of God's grace. That afternoon, Bella chose to place her faith in Jesus!

God transformed two lives. Bella has a new-found joy in her relationship with Jesus. Caroline has seen God profoundly strengthen her faith because she saw God answer their specific prayer. She has realized that God delights in using her exactly as He made her. He isn't asking her to change her personality but simply to join Him in the work He is already doing.

We thank God that by His grace we are seeing Him transform lives! Thank you for partnering with us in this important work!

*With love in Jesus, Steve & Rochelle*